

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7182
ANSWERED ON:11.05.2000
MAINTENANCE OF BAHU FORT J & K
VISHNU DATT

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.4161 dated April 20, 2000 and state:

- (a) whether the priests of Maha Kali Mandir Bahu Fort, Jammu has demolished all the rooms of the Bahu Fort;
- (b) if so, the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Union Government are going to improve the conditions of the Forts of the J&K State especially Bahu Fort and take it back from ASI because ASI has been unable to improve/protect/repair this Fort; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken for removal of unauthorised encroachments from inside and outside of Bahu Fort, Jammu?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): The Bahu Fort, Jammu is under the charge/occupation of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir and not under the Ministry of Defence or Archaeological Survey of India. Therefore action for removal of unauthorised encroachments, improvement and repair of the fort and its protection is to be taken by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.